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## **Harcum Confirmed as Chief Administrative Officer**

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced the official appointment of Rick Harcum as chief administrative officer for Frederick County Government. The County Council confirmed the appointment this afternoon. Mr. Harcum has been serving as the acting chief administrative officer since Feb. 1, 2019.

“Rick brings a wealth of financial knowledge and managerial expertise to this important position,” Executive Gardner said. “He is well respected by government leaders and elected officials. His experience with the county budget is particularly beneficial. I am confident Rick will do an outstanding job.”

Mr. Harcum was appointed county budget director in February 2016. Previously, he served as director of performance management, budget director and in other budget-related roles at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for over 25 years. He also worked at the Maryland Department of Transportation as a financial planner and as a financial analyst for a telecommunications corporation. Mr. Harcum earned his master’s degree in finance and his bachelor of science in business administration, both from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Harcum succeeds Ray Barnes, who previously served as chief administrative officer from March 2018 until his retirement on Jan. 31, 2019.

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